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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REF: A. USNATO 2057

B. USNATO 1242

1. DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) WILL START ITS FINAL CONSIDERATION ON 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (DRC/WP(75)1(4THREWISE) REF A ON APRIL 22. DRC REVIEW WILL INCLUDE SECTION ON WARNING OF WAR (PARAS 21-26) WHICH INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS WILL DEVELOP AND CIRCULATE AFTER APRIL 18 COMPLETION OF MC-161 CONFERENCE.

2. MISSION BELIEVES LATEST IS DRATFT (REF A) SUPPORTS MAJOR US OBJECTIVES FOR 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE BY: A) REAFFIRMING THE UNIQUE

AND ITERDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY EACH LEG OF THE NATO TRIAD; B) RECOGNIZING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS FOR THEATER NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES; C) EMPHASIZING CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGID PRIORITIES; D) CALLING FOR GREATER EFFORTS TOWARD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS (RATIONALIZATION, STANDARDIZATION, COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS, ETC); CONFIDENTIAL

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AND E) EXPLICITLY SETTING FORTH A LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT BASED ON US INITIATIVES. MISSION PROPOSES NOT REPEAT NOT TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO DRAFTPARAS 1-20 AND 27-59 DURING APRIL 22DRC MEETING.

3. MISSION BELIEVES IS DRAFT ON "DIRECTIVES" SECTION (PARAS 60-81, WHICH DRC HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED, PROVIDES SOME USEFUL ADDITIONS TO US INPUT (REF B) FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS WHICH NMA'S, NATIONS ARE DPC PERMREPS SHOULD TAKE TO IMPLEMENT 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. IN MISSION VIEW, HOWEVER, IS DRAFT "DIRECTIVES": A) FAIL TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT IMPETUS TOWARD INCREASED REGIONAL REPEAT REGIONAL DEFENSE PLANNING/COOPERATION; B) CALL FOR SOME ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVERT CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS FROM US OBJECTIVES CITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE; AND C) NEED, IN SOME CASES, CLARIFICATION OR REFINEMENT. DURING APRIL 22 DRC MEETING, MISSION PROPOSES TO CORRECT THESE DEFICIENCIES.

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